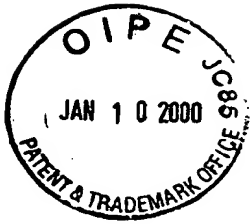


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AND ENDOTOXIN RELATED DISEASES

New York, New York
January 5, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed October 5, 1999. Kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 1, 2, 9, 30, 34 and 45 under the provisions of 37 CFR§1.121(a) by deleting the bracketed subject matter and inserting the underlined material:

I. (amended) A vaccine for preventing gram negative infections and the effects of endotoxins which comprises a complex obtained by combining LPS free or in conjugate form with a stoichiometric excess of a peptide [of the formula] comprising:

(a) $(A)_n$ wherein A is Lysine or Arginine and n is an integer with a minimum value of 7;

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